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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5438

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0016

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XA, OAU, AO, LT

SUBJECT: LESOTHO'S POSITION ON ANGOLA

REF: A. LONDON 237 (NOTAL), B. 75 STATE 301325, C. 75 MASERU 1338  
(NOTAL), D. MASERU 001 (NOTAL), E. STATE 2925

1. BASED ON MOST RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HERE, ESPECIALLY FONMIN MOLAPO, EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT REMAINS THAT LESOTHO FAVORS FNLA/UNITA. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER SHARES THIS VIEW, BASED ON HIS TALKS WITH LOWER RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED REF E.

2. DISTINCTION MUST BE DRAWN BETWEEN LESOTHO'S ATTITUDE AND WHAT IT CAN ACCOMPLISH. AS REPORTED REF D, WE BELIEVE MOLAPO, WHO HEADING LESOTHO DELEGATION AT OAU MEETINGS, WILL DO ALL HE CAN TO PREVENT OAU SIDING WITH MPLA. WE DO NOT EXPECT LESOTHO TO WIELD GREAT DEAL OF INFLUENCE, HOWEVER, AND MOLAPO WILL PROBABLY FEEL VULNERABLE ON ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT HIM TO SUPPORT UNITA/FNLA TOO STRONGLY OR OPENLY FOR FEAR OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

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